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Human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;[2]

2. *Decides* to include sustainable urbanization, making cities more resilient to natural disasters, urban poverty reduction, slum-upgrading and the role of local authorities as a cross-cutting issue in the preparations for and follow-up to the outcomes of relevant summits and major international conferences, including the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in 2012;

3. *Welcomes* the proposal to convene, in 2016, a third United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, focusing on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III);

4. *Invites* Governments and regional and local authorities, according to national legislation, to enumerate the population living in slums in their countries, regions and urban areas and, on that basis, to set voluntary and realistic national, regional and local targets, with the support of the international community, to be attained by 2020, with regard to improving significantly the lives of slum-dwellers, in line with United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Governing Council resolution 23/9 of 15 April 2011, entitled "Global and national

* E/2011/100 and Corr.1.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] E/2011/106.

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strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum-dwellers beyond the Millennium Development Goals target";

5. *Decides* to transmit the report of the Secretary-General[2] to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-sixth session;

6. *Also decides* to increase funding for a trust fund to promote the participation of developing countries in the meetings of the UN-Habitat Governing Council and the World Urban Forum, as well as in the United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III);

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda for consideration by the Council at its substantive session of 2012.